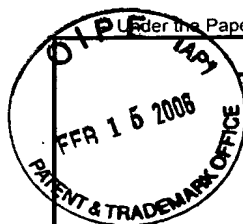


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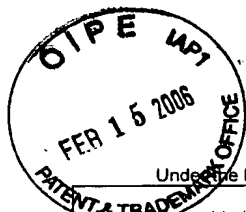
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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AMENDMENT/REPLY

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action is set to expire on February 16, 2006. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.